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## DECLARATION

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am an original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled FASTENERS, the specification of which (1) was filed as PCT International Application No. PCT/GB2003/03832 on September 05, 2003 and (2) was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 09, 2005 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/527,283.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	COUNTRY	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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